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Crater Council, National Union, and Kappa Alpha fraternity each had a banquet to-night. The former took place at the Royal Cafe and the latter at the French Cafe.

LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

General Lee's birthday, the 19th instant, will be observed in Petersburg by a parade in the afternoon of A. P. Hill Camp, the Petersburg Grays, and A. P. Hill Rifles. At night the camp will kindle a camp fire and have a banquet.

Chief of Police Perkins has received a letter from W. H. Denberry, R. M. Lavelle, E. D. Hartley, S. S. Bridges, William M. Jones, R. O. Egerton, W. J. Crowder, Jr., L. G. Blankenship, E. C. Duane, and W. B. Brister, all members of the Royal Guards.

W. H. Collett, James Dunn, W. Z. T. Epperson, Solomon Rehman, J. S. Rucker, Charles Robertson, Moses R. Saal, John W. Scoggins, W. A. Totty, John A. Wilkins, W. W. Warren.

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